

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 561

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-10.3; IC 36-8; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Public pensions. Conference committee report for ESB 561. Provides that a member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF), previously employed by a state quasi-governmental entity not affiliated with PERF that is absorbed by a PERF affiliated entity, may purchase service credit at the full actuarial cost. Removes a provision that limits credit for prior service to allow a firefighter to accrue 20 years of service credit in the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund. Permits a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who retires because of a disability more than 12 months after the date the member enters the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) to choose whether to receive a retirement benefit calculated as if the member: (1) had never entered the DROP; or (2) exited the DROP on the date the member retires because of the disability. Allows a person who fulfills certain firefighter certification requirements to be in compliance with minimum basic firefighter training requirements. Allows any county to adopt an ordinance creating a public safety communications systems and computer facilities district (district). Prohibits a county from imposing an ad valorem property tax levy to fund the operation or implementation of the district. Authorizes a member of the 1925 police pension fund, the 1937 firefighters' pension fund, the 1953 police pension fund, or the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund to resubmit, before July 1, 2007, a disapproved election to enter a DROP and to have the election approved so that the dates the member enters and exits the DROP are the dates selected by the member when the election was initially submitted. **(This conference committee report removes a provision that extends until January 1, 2011, additional distributions from the pension relief fund ensuring that at least 50% of the pension liability of each unit of local government is paid from the pension relief fund.)**

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

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**MADAM PRESIDENT:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 561 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 3, delete lines 6 through 27.
- 2 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to ESB 561 as reprinted April 10, 2007.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
**on**  
**Engrossed Senate Bill 561**

**S**igned by:

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Senator Mishler  
Chairperson

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Representative Lawson L

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Representative Wolkins

**Senate Conferees**

**House Conferees**